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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN GRAIN PROSPECTS

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1. HUNGARIANS GENERALLY EXPECTING GRAIN HARVEST TO BE AT LAST YEAR'S LEVELS WITH OPTIMISTS PREDICTING MODEST INCREASES. WHILE SOME ANXIETYS AD BEEN EXPRESSED IN SPRING CONCERNING SIZE OF GRAIN CROPS DUE TO UNSEASONABLE DRYNESS, CONSIDERABLE RAINFALL DURING PAST SIX-WEEK PERIOD HAS APPARENTLY EASED THESE CONCERNS. ACCORDING TO PRESS WHEAT CROP IS NOW RAPIDLY BEING HARVESTED AND AS OF JULY 19 OVER HALF OF CROP--900,000 HECTARES OF TOTAL 1,747,000 PLANTED--ALREADY TAKEN IN. PRESS REPORTS ASSERT THAT HARVEST IN STATE FARM SECTOR WILL "EQUAL OR POSSIBLY SURPASS LAST YEAR" IN SPITE OF TEN PERCENT

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REDUCTION OF TOTAL AREA PLANTED ON STATE FARMS.

2. AT THIS POINT CHIEF FEAR WITH RESPECT TO WHEAT CROP
APPEARS TO BE THAT SEVERAL SUCCESSIVE DAYS OF RAINY
WEATHER COULD SLOW CUTTING OPERATIONS AND PREVENT WHEAT
RIPENING IN FIELD FROM BEING PROMPTLY HARVESTED.
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